

ions of this act shall not apply to pending litigation.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend the bill, in line 19, by substituting 'within' for the word 'with.'"

Adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.

Absent.

Davidson.	Neal.
Goss.	Potter.
Hanger.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Yantis.
McGee.	

The bill was read a third time.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend page 1, line 1, by striking out the word 'is' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'if.'"

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent.

Davidson.	McGee.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Potter.
Hanger.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Yantis.

The bill was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Greer.
Burns.	Grinnan.
Dibrell.	James.

Johnson.  
Kerr.  
Linn.  
Lloyd.  
Miller.  
Morriss.  
Odell.  
Patterson.

Ross.  
Sebastian.  
Stafford.  
Stone.  
Turney.  
Wayland.  
Yett.

Absent.

Davidson.	McGee.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Potter.
Hanger.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Yantis.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Miller, Senator McGee was excused indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Kerr, the Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

SIXTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Friday, April 7, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Patterson.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
James.	Turney.
Johnson.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent.

Lewis.	Potter.
McGee.	Terrell.
Neal.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator James, the same was dispensed with.

INVITATION.

STATE INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

Austin, Texas, April 7, 1899.

Lieutenant-Governor Jas. N. Browning,  
President of the Senate.

DEAR SIR: The Institute for the Blind

will give a concert this evening at 8 o'clock, in the Chapel, in honor of the Legislature.

You, all members, officers and employes of the Senate, together with their families, are cordially invited.

Yours truly,

E. P. BECTON,  
Superintendent.

On motion of Senator Miller, the above invitation was accepted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

##### MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 342, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Dallas, and grant it a new charter,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

MILLER, Chairman.

##### MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: A minority of your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 342, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Dallas, and grant it a new charter,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend that it *do not pass*.

STAFFORD.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 7, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred

House bill No. 402, being a bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Austin a block of land within said city for free school purposes,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

Floor report.

JOHNSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 307, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Titus county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change, and creating an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

DAVIDSON, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 35, being a bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the county commissioners court of any county, or the city council of any incorporated town or city in the State, to submit propositions for the issuance of bonds to a vote of the qualified tax-payers of such county or incorporated city or town; and to repeal the provisions of all city charters in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5:15 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 20, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to set apart and appropriate to the permanent school fund of the State of Texas all of the lands heretofore or hereafter recovered from railway companies or other persons, firms or corporations, and to provide for the disposition of the same,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5:15 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 212, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston East & West Texas Railroad Company to lease and operate under lease the Houston & Shreveport Railroad, extending from the State boundary line at Logansport, Louisiana; thence through the parishes of DeSoto and Caddo, into the city of Shreveport, in said State,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5:15 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 192, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide and equip certain eleemosynary institutions of the State with an efficient and permanent system of fire escapes; authorizing the purchase of such fire escapes by the board of managers of the institutions herein named, with the approval of the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation therefor,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5:15 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 7, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

House bill No. 568, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county and upon the county farm, and to provide for the summoning of teams for

road work, and for an allowance of time for road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Wood county,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ODELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 7, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 306, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad, including all the property, property rights, franchises and appurtenances of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, now existing or that may hereafter be built or acquired by the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, and to authorize the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company, in the name of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, to issue bonds and to secure the same by mortgage upon the railway, property rights and franchises of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, under orders of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to enable the said corporation, the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, to construct this proposed line of railway as provided in its charter and for said purpose to raise money through the issuance of stocks and bonds, under the direction of the Railroad Commission,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 165, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Superintendent of the State penitentiaries, with advice and consent of the Governor, to sell the State's interest in certain lands situated in Maverick county, being an undivided interest of two-thirds in 320 acres, survey No. 50, in the name of John James, assignee of Hendrick Arnold, and to pay over the proceeds thereof to

the Financial Agent of the State penitentiaries for the use of the penitentiaries,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 6, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 106, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to validate acknowledgments to all instruments constituting links in the chain of title, or affecting the title to any lands in the State of Texas, to quiet title to the same, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 290, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4968 (4584), of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to estrays,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, To amend Article 6, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring persons subject to a poll tax to produce their poll tax receipt at any election at which they offer to vote, and fixing the time of payment of said tax,

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 30, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 272, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the purchase, sale and transfer of stocks of goods, wares and merchandise in bulk,

and providing for the making of a written statement under oath of the vendor of any stock of goods, wares or merchandise in bulk; said statement under oath to contain the name and address of all of the creditors of said vendor, together with the amount of such indebtedness,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 292, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4513, Title XCIV, Chapter 10, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to exemptions from the separate coach law of the State of Texas,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 294, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-fourth Judicial District of Texas, to prescribe the times of holding the terms of the district court therein, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Grinnan:

Senate bill No. 313, A bill to be entitled "An Act extending for twenty years the payment of the principal of the purchase money for lands purchased under the Act of the Legislature herein named."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Senator Greer:

Senate bill No. 314, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision two (2), of Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, so as to extend the time of the terms of the District Court in Nacogdoches county, and change the time of holding district courts in Angelina and Cherokee counties."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Call concluded.

## HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message was received from the House:

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, April 7, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bill:

Substitute Senate bill No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4471, of Chapter 8, Title XCIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, so as to permit railroad and other corporations having the right of eminent domain to enter upon and take possession of property sought to be condemned, pending litigation, upon payment or security of the award of the commissioners appointed to appraise, and costs, and the deposit of money sufficient to cover additional damages that may be adjudged, and the giving of bond for future costs, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith," with amendments.

Also Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

## SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in the following counties, or in any subdivision of said counties, viz.: Cooke, Bell, Ellis, Montague, Wharton, Fayette, Johnson, Collin, Rockwall, Lamar, Milam, Bexar, Denton, Falls, Navarro, Fannin, Hunt, Tarrant, Grayson, Dallas, Austin and Brazos," action being on passage to a third reading,

Pending action,

Senator Yantis moved to suspend the special order of business and take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the officer, agent or representative of any railroad corporation from giving free transportation over the lines of such railroad to any person other than the agents, representatives, employes or attorneys of such railroads, and to fix a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act."

Senator Miller moved to table the motion to suspend the special order.

Lost by the following vote:

42—Senate

## Yeas—8.

Atlee.	Miller.
Johnson.	Morriss.
Kerr.	Ross.
Lloyd.	Wayland.

## Nays—15.

Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.

## Present—Not voting.

Burns.

## Absent.

Goss.	Neal.
Lewis.	Potter.
McGee.	Terrell.

The motion to suspend the special order, and to take up Senate bill No. 118, prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Gough.	Stafford.
Greer.	Stone.
Grinnan.	Turney.
Hanger.	Wayland.
James.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.
Odell.	

## Nays—8.

Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	Miller.
Johnson.	Morriss.
Kerr.	Ross.

## Absent.

Goss.	Neal.
Lewis.	Potter.
McGee.	Terrell.

The bill was then read a second time, with an adverse majority and favorable minority committee reports.

Senator Yantis moved to substitute the favorable minority for the adverse majority committee report.

Carried by the following vote:

## Yeas—13.

Davidson.	Sebastian.
Gough.	Stafford.
Greer.	Turney.
Grinnan.	Wayland.
James.	Yantis.
Odell.	Yett.
Patterson.	

## Nays—11.

Atlee.	Dibrell.
Burns.	Hanger.

Johnson.  
Kerr.  
Linn.  
Lloyd.

Miller.  
Morris.  
Ross.

Absent.

Goss.  
Lewis.  
McGee.

Neal.  
Potter.  
Stone.

Action being on engrossment, Senator Hanger offered to amend as follows:

"Amend by striking out the enacting clause."

Pending action,

Senator Wayland moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until Friday, next.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—5.

Atlee.  
Lloyd.  
Miller.

Ross.  
Wayland.

Nays—20.

Burns.  
Davidson.  
Dibrell.  
Gough.  
Greer.  
Grinnan.  
Hanger.  
James.  
Johnson.  
Kerr.

Linn.  
Morris.  
Odell.  
Patterson.  
Sebastian.  
Stafford.  
Stone.  
Turney.  
Yantis.  
Yett.

Absent.

Goss.  
Lewis.  
McGee.

Neal.  
Potter.  
Terrell.

The amendment (Hanger's) was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Atlee.  
Burns.  
Dibrell.  
Hanger.  
Kerr.

Linn.  
Miller.  
Morris.  
Ross.  
Stone.

Nays—14.

Davidson.  
Gough.  
Greer.  
Grinnan.  
James.  
Johnson.  
Lloyd.

Odell.  
Sebastian.  
Stafford.  
Turney.  
Wayland.  
Yantis.  
Yett.

Absent.

Goss.  
Lewis.  
McGee.  
Neal.

Patterson.  
Potter.  
Terrell.

By Senator Grinnan:

"Amend line 15 by adding after the word 'agents' the word 'or,' and by strik-

ing out in line 15 the words 'representatives or' and insert the word 'except.'"

By Senator Davidson:

"Substitute the amendment as follows: Amend by striking out lines 15 and 16 up to and including 'corporation,' in said line 16."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Atlee.  
Davidson.  
Dibrell.  
Gough.  
Grinnan.  
Hanger.  
Johnson.  
Kerr.

Linn.  
Lloyd.  
Morris.  
Patterson.  
Ross.  
Sebastian.  
Wayland.  
Yett.

Nays—7.

Burns.  
James.  
Odell.  
Stafford.

Stone.  
Turney.  
Yantis.

Absent.

Goss.  
Lewis.  
McGee.

Neal.  
Potter.  
Terrell.

PAIRED.

Senator Greer, present, who would vote *nay*, with Senator Miller, absent, who would vote *yea*.

Pending action on the adoption of the amendment as substituted,

Senator Atlee offered to substitute the same as follows:

"Strike out all in lines 15 and 16 down to and including word 'corporation,' and insert in lieu thereof the following, 'except to employes or laborers engaged in the operation or repair of said road.'"

Pending action,

The Chair announced that the hour fixed for the Senate to go into executive session on the notorial appointments was at hand.

Senator James moved that the executive session be postponed until Friday, April 14, at 11 a. m.

So ordered.

Senator Linn moved to suspend pending business (Senate bill No. 118) and take up

Senate bill No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4, Title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, by adding after Article 418, Article 418a, empowering cities and towns incorporated under the general law and by special charter to condemn private property for use in laying water pipes and mains, establishment of public wells, pumps and pumping stations and reservoirs, providing a

method for such condemnation and declaring an emergency."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Patterson.
Hanger.	Ross.
Johnson.	Sebastian.
Linn.	Wayland.

Nays—11.

Burns.	Stafford.
Gough.	Stone.
Greer.	Turney.
James.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.
Odell.	

Absent.

Goss.	Neal.
Lewis.	Potter.
McGee.	Terrell.

Action recurring on Senator Atlee's substitute for the amendment, the same was lost.

By Senator Burns:

"Substitute the amendment (Davidson's) as follows:

"Strike out all of Section 1 down to and including the word 'therefor,' in line 18, and insert in lieu thereof the following, which is the demand of the Democratic platform, and said amended section shall thereupon read as follows, to wit:

"Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any officer, representative or agent of any railroad companies in Texas to give free transportation or free passes to any person or persons not in the employment of said railroad companies. Any officer, agent or representative of any railroad corporation who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars and by confinement in the county jail for thirty days."

Senator Davidson made the point of order against the substitute that same was not germane to the amendment.

Not sustained.

The substitute (Burns') was lost.

The amendment as substituted (Grinnan's substituted by Davidson's) was then adopted.

By Senator Burns:

"Section 2. The near approach of the adjournment of the Legislature, and the crowded condition of the calendar, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity authorizing the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills

to be read on three several days, and it is so ordered."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Odell.
Gough.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Turney.
Miller.	Yantis.

Nays—12.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Greer.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Neal.
James.	Potter.
Lewis.	Terrell.
McGee.	

By Senator Atlee:

"Amend caption, strike out in line 9 all after word 'person' to and including word 'railroad,' in line 10."

Adopted.

By Senator Morriss:

"Amend by adding to the bill, 'Provided, nothing in this bill shall be so construed as to prohibit railroad companies from furnishing free transportation to surgeons when called to wrecks or to attend sick or injured persons in the employ or being transported by such railroads, or to such sick or injured persons.'"

Lost.

By Senator Miller (by request):

"Amend by adding to line 22 the following: 'Provided, that this bill shall not apply to free passes given newspaper editors, reporters or correspondents.'"

By Senator Grinnan:

"Substitute the amendment as follows:

"Amend by striking out all of the first sentence in Section 1 and inserting the following:

"Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any officer, representative or agent of any railroad corporation to give to any person any free transportation or passage over the line or lines of such railroad unless such person is actually traveling on business for such corporation, which fact and the business on which traveled must be stated in writing in the instrument or permit authorizing such transportation."

Senator Miller made the point of order against the substitute that Section

1 of the bill had been amended by the amendment offered by Senator Davidson, and that this substitute proposed to strike out Section 1 and substitute it by insertion of said substitute, which could not be done without a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment (Davidson's) had been adopted.

Sustained.

Pending further action, on motion of Senator Morriss, the Senate adjourned to Monday next, 10 a. m.

### SIXTY-THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Monday, April 10, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

#### Absent.

Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Odell.
Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Turney.
Lloyd.	

Senator Terrell moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum.

Motion duly seconded.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following members answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.
Miller.	

#### Absent.

Dibrell.	Lewis.
Johnson.	Lloyd.

McGee.  
Odell.

Stone.  
Turney.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Friday last,

On motion of Senator Patterson, the same was dispensed with.

#### EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Stafford, Senator Neal was excused for non-attendance last week on account of important business.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Terrell:

Petition from citizens of Wise county, praying for the passage of an anti-free pass law.

By Senator Terrell:

Petition from citizens of Denton county, praying that the Legislature sustain the Governor in his vetoes of the consolidation and fee bills.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 7, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 312, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad of the Central Texas & Northwestern Railway, with its franchises and appurtenances; the railroad of the Ft. Worth & New Orleans Railway Company, with its franchises and appurtenances; the Lancaster Tap Railroad, with its franchises and appurtenances; the railroad of the Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company, with its franchises and appurtenances; and the railroad of the Granite Mountain & Marble Falls City Railroad Company, with its franchises and appurtenances, or either or any of such railroads, with its or their franchises and appurtenances; and to authorize the owners of each of said railroads, and its franchises and appurtenances, to sell the same; and to authorize said Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to issue additional mortgage bonds to the amount of the value of the railways, franchises and appurtenances so purchased, as fixed, or as the same may be fixed, by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to regulate the reports of such properties and the operations thereof."